No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present. Prices will depend upon the overall market situation. However, import duty on standard Newsprint is being abolished.

Plan for Ocean Development

751. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan for the ocean development and total financial expenditure envisaged for it for the next year;

(b) whether electricity would be generated through ocean waves near Gulf of Cambay; if so, any financial provisions made for the next year; and

(c) details of other schemes, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Major programmes of the Department of Ocean Development for concerted thrust are:

(1) Exploration and assessment of Living and Non-living Resources in the Execlusive Economic Zone;

(2) Exploration of Polymetallic Nodules in the Indian Ocean and development of technology for mining and for extraction of metals from nodules;

(3) Coastal Zone and Islands:

— A satellite based Marine Information Service.

— Coastal Ocean Monitoring & Predictive Systems.

— Design of wave power generation system and integration with breakwater in ports and harbours.

— Technology demonstration for semi-intensive prawn farming.

— Monitoring & modelling of sea level variations.

— Drugs and Chemicals.

— Andaman & Nicobar Centre for Ocean Development.

(4) Research, development and specialised manpower.

— Over 68 R&D projects.

— Department of Ocean Development Cell for Ocean Circulation and Ocean-Air exchange processes at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

— Department of Ocean Development Cell for Coastal Ocean Design and Predictive Systems (CODAPS) at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

— Award of 155 Research Fellowships/Associateships in various academic and research centres of ocean science & technology.

(5) Marine Instrumentation & Systems;

(6) Antarctic Research, and

(7) Policy & Law relating to Global Commons.

(8) Infrastructure for ocean development activities:

— National Ocean Information System.

— Marine Remote Sensing Information Service.

— Coastal Ocean Monitoring & Predictive Systems.

— Monitoring & Modelling of Sea Level Variations.

— Research Vessels: ORV Sagar Kanya & FORV Sagar Sampada.

The Budget Estimate approved upto 31 July, 1991 on vote on account is Rs. 15.24 crore.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Installation of an experimental 150 KW Wave Power generator at Vizhinjam near Trivandrum, is in the final stages of completion.